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FOLLOWING MEXICO 3274 ACTION SECSTATE INFO CARACAS APR 18TH.

QUOTE:

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TAGS: SWEL, PAHO, MX, XM

SUBJECT: PAHO: ELECTION OF DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 50562

1. EMBOFF TOOK OCCASION OF APRIL 17 CALL ON DR. ACUNA MONTEVERDE (IN CONNECTION WITH OTHER SUBJECTS) DISCREETLY TO SOUND HIM OUT ON HIS EVALUATION OF CURRENT PROSPECTS FOR ELECTION AS PAHO DIRECTOR.

2. ACUNA MONTEVERDE CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS 13 FIRM COMMITMENTS IN FAVOR OF HIS CANDIDACY AS FOLLOWS: MEXICO, EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA, ECUADOR, UNITED STATES, GUATEMALA, CUBA, GUYANA, JAMAICA, HAITI, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, BARBADOS, AND ARGENTINA. ACUNA STATED THAT FORMAL COMMITMENT VIA DIPLOMATIC NOTE RECEIVED IN ABOVE CASES (ALTHOUGH HE LATER CONTRADICTED THIS STATEMENT BY EXPRESSING HIS HOPE FOR EARLY USG COMMITMENT IN THIS FORMAL MANNER.) SINCE  
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EMBOFF DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO A DIALOGUE WITH ACUNA

ON THIS SUBJECT, HE DID NOT DISCUSS PRESENT USG INDECISION  
ON THIS ISSUE. ACUNA IS ALSO HOPEFUL OF GAINING SUPPORT OF  
CANADA, UK, FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS.

3. ACUNA FURTHER STATED THAT VENEZUELAN CANDIDATE  
(DR. VALLADARES) HAS FIRM SUPPORT OF ONLY VENEZUELA AND  
PERU. GIVEN FACT THAT VALLADARES WAS CANDIDATE OF  
CALDERA REGIME, ACUNA BELIEVES THAT PEREZ GOVERNMENT WILL  
HAVE CANDIDACY WITHDRAWN, AND THAT BOTH VENEZUELA  
AND PERU SUBSEQUENTLY WILL SUPPORT HIS (ACUNA'S)CANDIDACY.

4. ACCORDING TO ACUNA'S INFORMATION, PAHO INCUMBENT  
DIRECTOR HOROWITZ PRESENTLY HAS SUPPORT OF CHILE, BRAZIL,  
HONDURAS, PANAMA, PARAGUAY, AND POSSIBLY COLOMBIA.

5. IF ACUNA'S ANALYSIS IS CORRECT, ALL BUT FOUR MEMBERS  
OF PAHO ARE NOW AT LEAST TENTATIVELY COMMITTED (BOLIVIA,  
URUGUAY, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND COSTA RICA). FURTHERMORE,  
IT WOULD SEEM THAT HE HAS ALMOST ASSURED MAJORITY (EXCLUDING  
US, BUT COUNTING ON CANADA, UK, FRANCE,AND NETHERLANDS, HE  
WOULD HAVE 16 VOTES OR MORE THAN REQUIRED MINIMUM.)  
ACCORDINGLY, AND UNLESS THIS INFORMATION AT VARIANCE  
WITH THAT AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES, EMBASSY URGES  
THAT USG DISCOUNT APPARENTLY UNVIABLE CANDIDACY OF  
VALLADARES, COMMUNICATE OUR ENDORSEMENT OF ACUNA, AND  
THEREBY FIRM UP THE MAJORITY IN FAVOR O HIS CANDIDACY.

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